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**Information Disclosure Statement**

Consideration of the information contained in the documents listed below is respectfully requested.

**U.S. Patents**

4,752,675 issued June 21, 1988 to Zetmeir for "Method of Collecting Response Data From Direct Mail Advertising" – shows optical encoding of mail.  
4,921,107 issued May 1, 1990 to Hofer for "Mail Sortation System"-shows computer-based mail sorting.  
5,249,687 issued October 5, 1993 to Rosenbaum et al for "Barcode Translation For Deferred Optical Character Recognition Mail Processing"-shows mechanical mail sorting of OCR processed mail along with other types of encoded mail.  
6,176,428 issued January 23, 2001 to Joseph et al for "Techniques For Reading Postal Code"-shows a hand-held optical bar code reader and techniques for decoding postal codes.  
6,178,411 issued January 23, 2001 to Reiter for "Interactive Process For Applying Or Printing Information On Letters Or Parcels"-shows computer-based system for printing optical bar codes and advertising information on letters or parcels.  
6,510,992 issued January 28, 2003 to Wells et al for "In-line Verification, Reporting, And Tracking Apparatus And Method For Mail Pieces"-shows preparation of mail pieces for delivery with optical coding of address information on envelopes.

**Publications**

"RFID Case Study – Italian Post Office Application" published 2001 by Escort Memory Systems, a Datalogic Group Company-discusses a mail bag and priority mail tracking system using rfid tags attached to a mail sack or placed inside individual envelopes for delivery tracking purposes.

"Postal Mechanization/Early Automation" (publication date unknown) printed from an Internet web site on 9/30/2003-generally discusses early automation of mail processing through the 1990's

"Korea Post Office Selects Symbol Technologies' SPT 1500 Pocket-sized Computer for Mail Sortation" press release dated March 15, 1999 by Symbol Technologies Company-describes a hand held bar code reader used by the postal system in Korea.

"U.S. Postal Service: Intelligent Mail (I-Mail) for Improved Security Executive Overview: The Promise of Secure Digital Mail" published 2003 by Symbol Technologies Company-describes the use of bar codes for mail to improve security.

"Application Note mifare (Card) Coil Design Guide" published September, 2002 by Philips Semiconductors company (Docu-No: 011730)-describes design considerations for coils used with rfid chip sold by Philips Semiconductors under the trademark "mifare".

Respectfully submitted,



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